

Marcia Mayeda, Director

January 07, 2020

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

**ADOPTED** 

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

30 January 7, 2020

CELIA ZAVALA EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF\$25,000 FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PET OWNERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

## **SUBJECT**

The Department of Animal Care and Control is seeking Board approval to accept a donation of \$25,000 from the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Approve and authorize the Department of Animal Care and Control to accept the donation of \$25,000 from the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation, which will be used to provide assistance for pet owners experiencing homelessness.
- 2. Instruct the Executive Officer to prepare and send a letter of appreciation to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation and the T. June and Simon K.C. Li Charitable Fund for their generous donation.

### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department of Animal Care and Control (Department) is pleased to inform your Board that on October 14, 2019, the T. June and Simon K.C. Li Charitable Fund offered a grant award of \$25,000 to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation (Foundation), which the Foundation will donate to the Department, to support the County of Los Angeles Homeless Initiative (COLA HI) program. COLA HI is a program offered by the Department that provides assistance to pet owners who are

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experiencing homelessness. This assistance may include spay/neuter, microchipping, vaccinations, limited medical services for pets, and temporary pet housing at no cost for individuals referred to the Department by Homelessness Initiative programs. These funds will support the Department's costs of its ongoing efforts to provide these services to Los Angeles County residents who are experiencing homelessness.

# <u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

The acceptance of this donation will support the County's Strategic Plan, Strategy I.1, Increase Our Focus on Prevention Initiatives, by providing free pet boarding while individuals seek and secure long-term housing for themselves. This donation also supports Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, by making use of external resources to assist more animals and to provide additional services for Los Angeles County pet owners who are experiencing homelessness.

### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact to Net County Cost, as there is sufficient revenue budgeted in the Department's current FY 19-20 operating budget.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Government Code Section 25335 permits the County to accept grants, donations, or other gifts for a specific County purpose. Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of \$10,000 with Board approval.

# <u>IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)</u>

This donation will enhance current services by allowing the Department to provide additional services and assistance to pet owners experiencing homelessness, which will allow more pets to remain permanently with their owners.

### CONCLUSION

Upon approval, the Executive Officer is requested to send letters thanking the Animal Care Foundation and the T. June and Simon K.C. Li Charitable Fund for their generous donation. Draft appreciation letters are enclosed. Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department.

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Respectfully submitted,



MARCIA MAYEDA Director

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**Enclosures** 

c: Chief Executive Office County Counsel Executive Office California Community Foundation C/O Ms. Tammy Johnson Director of Donor Relations 221 South Figueroa Street, Suite 400 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Johnson:

### T. JUNE AND SIMON K.C. LI CHARITABLE FUND

At its meeting held on January 7, 2020, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors accepted, with gratitude, a grant award in the amount of \$25,000 from the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation, which was funded by the T. June and Simon K.C. Li Charitable Fund to provide assistance for pet owners experiencing homelessness.

The Board members requested that I express their appreciation to you for this generous donation.

Sincerely,

Celia Zavala Executive Officer Ms. Abby Douglass, President Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation P.O. Box 100515 Pasadena, CA 91889-0515

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